

New Haven Board of Commissioners
July 17, 2014

The following were present:

<u>Don Cecil</u>	<u>Jeff Rogers</u>	<u>Freddy DeWitt</u>
<u>Chris Cecil</u>	Ashley Willoughby	Joanie Corbin
Tessie Cecil	Kacie Goode	Karen Burba
Ricky DeWitt	Linda Mattingly	

Before the meeting began, a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Public Hearing was held. Ashley Willoughby from Lincoln Trail explained the intent of the City to apply for CDBG Funds for Sewer Rehab.

The meeting opened with the Pledge recited and Mayor Pro Tem Don Cecil called the meeting to order in the absence of Mayor Johnson.

Old Business

Big Blue Building—Chris wanted to know what the status was concerning rehab of the building. No news at this time although Don said negotiations were underway for replacing the roof.

Guests

Tessie gave a report concerning use of the **Khan Building**. She reported that she wanted a commitment of support from the Commission. Tessie plans to focus on Veterans from the area, offering tours of older homes in New Haven as well as Historic Preservation for the area. She submitted bills for reimbursement in the amount \$621.76 for expenditures thus far relating to the listed projects. With the Tourist Grant that will be received shortly, Tessie was asked to bring a total projected budget for the fiscal year. Jeff said that he supported her work at the Khan Building and made a motion to reimburse the expenses presented. Freddy seconded. All voted in favor.

Ricky DeWitt attended the meeting to request permission to enclose the volley ball court to prevent children from playing in the sand. The consensus of the Commission was to approve that request with the enclosure to have a locked gate.

General Fund

The Minutes of June 19, 2014 were approved on motion of Chris and second of Jeff.

June Financial Reports and July Bills were approved on motion of Chris and second of Freddy.

Time Warner Franchise Transfer—The City received a letter from Comcast via Linda Ain concerning an extension in completing the Franchise transfer. The extended date is September 12, 2014.

Firehouse Property—The clerk reported that she had received a deed from Ricky DeWitt for the property that he and Freddy own that was sold to the Rolling Fork Fire Department. The City is named as an owner on the deed. The price paid to the DeWitts was \$32,000. The clerk will record the deed with the County Clerk's office on Friday, July 18. The property is located at 360 Center Street adjacent to the Firestation.

Fire Works Tent—David Lewis who rents property from the City to sell fireworks during the July 4th holiday has requested a renewal of his contract for \$500 annually. Jeff made a motion to rent the property to Lewis Enterprise for \$500 for the 2015 season. Chris seconded. All voted in favor.

Water and Sewer Department

Update on Center Street Water Line Project—The engineers are preparing easement documents for Jim Brown in this area and the project will possibly be ready to bid in two months.

Request for Qualifications—Ashley reported that four RFQs were submitted for the CDBG project. After reviewing the RFQs with Mayor Johnson and Tim Bartley, the consensus was to hire HMB for the design and observation of the proposed sewer rehab project. Jeff made motion approving this recommendation and Chris seconded. All voted in favor.

Recreation Department

Head Lifeguard—Don recommended promoting Amanda Weakley to head lifeguard position with a 25 cent per hour pay increase. Jeff made a motion to that effect with Chris seconding the motion. All voted in favor except Freddy who abstained due to conflict of interest. Pay will be retroactive to pay period beginning June 29.

Freddy made a motion to give Brother Bruce Nichols \$100 toward his upcoming Mission Trip and also 4- \$25 gift cards in appreciation for working the concession stand all year as volunteers and for coordinating the kick ball league for area youth.

Street Department

Sidewalk Repair—Chris requested that Tim obtain bids to repair sidewalks located at South Main near the Car Lot, on 2nd Street and at 381 Center Street. Chris also noted that repairs are needed at West Center Street but due to the upcoming water line replacement, these should be done after the project is completed.

Police Department—Freddy reported that he had talked with Corey concerning obtaining the required training. Corey recently completed training for 2013. Freddy said he had instructed Corey to complete the 2014 required training in this calendar year (2014).

Freddy also reported that the newly purchased hand held radio is not working. Luckily it is still in warranty and will be repaired at no cost.

Chris moved for adjournment and Jeff seconded. Meeting adjourned at 7:05.

Mayor

Clerk